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TAGS: PINT, PINR, PL (BARSZCZ, EDWARD)  
SUBJECT: NEW MAYOR APPOINTED IN KRAKOW

1. LOCAL AUTHORITIES APRIL 28 ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT OF EDWARD BARSZCZ AS NEW MAYOR OF KRAKOW AND GOVERNOR OF KRAKOW CITY PROVINCE, REPLACING JERZY PEKALA. BARSZCZ, BORN IN 1928 IN MALOMIERZYCE (A SMALL VILLAGE IN RADOM PROVINCE) IS A GRADUATE OF KRAKOW POLYTECHNICAL UNIVERSITY S CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT AND HAS 27 YEARS EXPERIENCE AS A CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER.
2. PRIOR TO HIS NEW MAYORAL APPOINTMENT BARSZCZ WAS MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE BUDOSTAL HEAVY CONSTRUCTION FIRM IN KRAKOW-NOWA HUTA. AMONG OTHER PROJECTS, HE HAD OVERALL SUPERVISION OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW HUTA KATOWICE STEEL MILL, AS WELL AS OF MODERNIZATION OF SEVERAL OTHER LARGE STEEL PLANTS. BUDOSTAL HAS ALSO CONSTRUCTED VARIOUS OTHER LARGE BUILDINGS IN SOUTHERN POLAND, INCLUDING UNIVERISTY FACILITIES, PUBLIC UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM.
3. BARSZCZ REPORTEDLY FIRST MADE HIS MARK DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF KATOWICE S LENIN STEEL WORKS SEVERAL YEARS AGO, DURING WHICH HE ROSE RAPIDLY THROUGH POSITIONS OF INCREASING RESPONSIBILITY.

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AS DIRECTOR OF BUDOSTAL BARSZCZ ALSO REPORTEDLY PERSONALLY SUPERVISED SEVERAL LARGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND HAS TRAVELED THERE FREQUENTLY DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS.

4. ACCORDING TO HIS PUBLISHED BIOGRAPHY BARSZCZ IS A MEMBER OF THE POLISH UNITED WORKER S (COMMUNIST)PARTY AND HAS RECEIVED

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CROSS, THE OFFICER S AND KNIGHT S CROSSES OF THE ORDER OF PO-  
LONIA RESTITUTA, AND OTHER STATE DECORATIONS.

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